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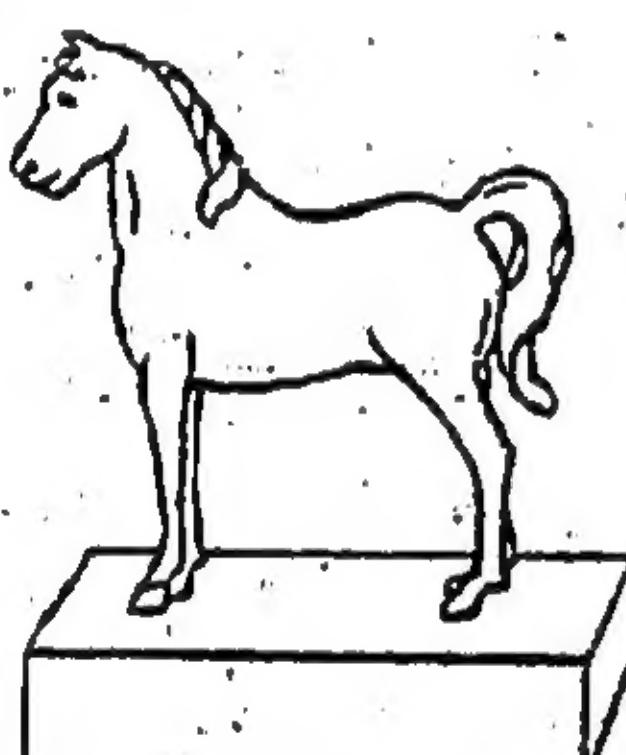
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# "Sai On" Enquiry Continues

## Passengers Tell Their Stories

Continuing its investigation into the "Sai On" tragedy, the Marine Court of Enquiry, at its second session yesterday, heard the evidence of passenger witnesses of the fire as well as two Indian watchmen who were on duty.

Tam Huen, with his head and left hand bandaged, said he was a passenger on board the ship and occupied a position on the wooden platform on top of the cargo, to the port side of the cooked rice stall. His wife had climbed up onto the platform when he suddenly saw a glare as if something had caught fire.

It was a red glow of the size of a Chinese cooking stove and was near the wooden counter. He did not notice any cooking stove being used, and did not know what was burning, his view being obstructed by some people in front of him. Then there was a pop sound as if the fire had ignited something else, and the fire spread rapidly. Within five minutes he and his wife had made for the No. 4 cargo port which was congested with people trying to get to the wharf. He was trampled down and burnt in the confusion.

He agreed that if passengers had made for this exit right away without waiting to pick up their belongings more would have been saved, though many could never have escaped especially the women and children.

When he first saw the glare it was by the side of a table locker near the counter, which could have been a passenger's baggage. People trying to put out the fire with blankets moved this table aside. Fanned by the wind the flame spread to port and aft. He did not notice anybody smoking on board.

### Hair Singed

Next witness was a young married woman named Chan Ngai, another passenger, who said she boarded the vessel with her husband shortly after 4 a.m. and was directed to a position behind the ice box near the cooked rice stall. She noticed a small wooden-table near this stall, close to which

### Price Control Additions

The following additions and amendments to the Price Control schedule were gazetted yesterday:

Cigarettes Maximum Retail Price.

Cavenders (Magnus Plain) (per pkt. of 10) HK\$0.40

Federal (per pkt. of 10) HK\$0.40

Motor Vehicles

Motor Cars

Studebaker Commander Regal Deluxe 5 passenger Coupe (each) HK\$12,250.00

Volvo 8 h.p. (each) 7,800.00

Toilet Requisites

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Lux Toilet, made in China (per tablet) HK\$1.50

The following items are deleted:

Cigarettes Maximum Retail Price.

Abdulla Imperial Preference (per pkt. of 10) HK\$0.40

Abdulla Imperial Preference (per tin of 50) 2.20

Glass—10 oz. (per sq. ft.) HK\$0.55

and substituted by the following:

Cigarettes Maximum Retail Price.

Abdulla Imperial Preference (Magnum size) (per pkt. of 10) HK\$0.50

Abdulla Imperial Preference (Magnum size) (per tin of 50) 2.30

Abdulla Imperial Preference (Standard size) (per pkt. of 10) 40

Abdulla Imperial Preference (Standard size) (per tin of 50) 2.00

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# NOMA TOLD HIM HE WANTED POPULATION CONTENTED

When seven Chinese female employees of the Kowloon Naval Dockyard virtually stores office pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer to a charge of indecency, S/I Askew informed the Court that the naval authorities took a very serious view of the case as this sort of farce had been going on for months.

On being searched as they were leaving the Dockyard after work, said S/I Askew, Au Lai-kuen, married woman, was found to have on her person one pair of stockings and a pillowcase; Lang Shu-cheng, married woman, Ng Shu-cheng, spinster, and Wu Chun, spinster, were each wearing two pairs of underpants; Li Shu-wah, spinster, had on her three pairs of underpants; while Yan Chun, married woman and Kwan Lam-mui, widow, each were in possession of a pair of stockings.

Stating that he also took a serious view of the case, His Lordship fined each defendant \$50.

### HENNESSY'S HERE!

Now in Hong Kong for a short visit as part of his inspection tour of representative firms in the Far East is the Hon. Mr. Frederick Hennessy, head of the big brandy firm.

Mr. Hennessy arrived here on Friday from England by B.O.A.C. flying boat. While in Hong Kong he will stay with Mr. Pollock of Jardine, Matheson & Co.

A cocktail party has been arranged in the Kam Ling Restaurant on Wednesday next and invitations have been issued to 150 guests including Government officials, prominent bankers, and Chinese business men.

For snatching a camera from Lt. S. Horton of the U.S. Navy in Des Voeux Road Central on Friday to four months imprisonment by day, Ng Yee-kou was sentenced by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

The legal dispute between seven partners of the Stag Hotel, 148-50 Queen's Road, Central, over the management of the establishment pending the hearing of the appellant's claim for dissolution of partnership, came to an end yesterday when Sir Henry Blackall (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould in the Full Court of Appeal delivered written judgment in favour of the appellants.

This was the sequel to an appeal lodged by five of the seven partners against a decision rendered earlier by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puine Judge, in Chambers, rejecting the appellants' application for the appointment of a receiver.

Appellants were Li Tsz-chiu, Li Kiu-po, Ho Chup-suen, Wong Chan-shi and Tong King-fong, while respondents were Ngor Chuk-kam and Kan Chi-ping.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed the appellants, while Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford, appeared for the respondents.

Delivering judgment, their Lordships said:

"This is an appeal against the decision of Williams J. refusing an application for the appointment of a receiver pending the hearing of the appellant's claim for dissolution of partnership. At the first hearing of the appeal the appellants applied for leave to produce additional evidence, which was granted, so this Court has had the advantage of a more comprehensive survey of the position than the learned Judge. The principle upon which a Court acts with regard to the appointment of a receiver in these cases is this: if the Court can presently see that a dissolution must inevitably be declared on the hearing of the action, it follows very much of course that a receiver will be appointed, but if the case stands in such a state that the Court cannot see whether it will be dissolved or not, it will not take into its own hands the conduct of a partnership which may or may not be dissolved.

Mr. Smith said that when he first met Noma, the latter was glassy-eyed, dazed and incoherent and repeatedly muttered: "I told them not to torture people—I told them not to keep people in custody for more than 24 hours."

**Winning People's Minds**

Noma had said that it was not his policy to conduct the Gendarmerie in Hong Kong on the same lines as the Japanese Gendarmerie in other occupied territory were conducted, as the people of Hong Kong, having enjoyed the benefits of British rule, would not respond

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The van was parked outside the Fire Brigade Building in Connaught Road Central at the offices of the Import and Export Department. There were two revenue officers and a constable on duty

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In regard to interrogations, they were instructed to act always in accordance with the law. Noma was a strict man and always punished his subordinates if they disobeyed orders.

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Noma therefore wanted to have a contented population, which would take fewer troops to control, than to have a turbulent population sabotaging the Army's lines of communication.

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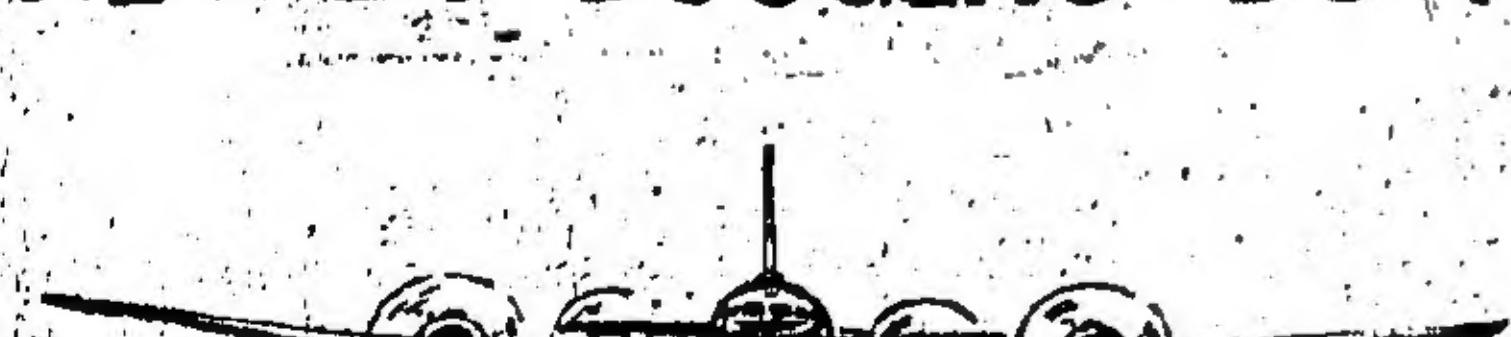
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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

MRS. NINA SMIRNOFF and family wish to express grateful acknowledgment of all expressions and tokens of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

INCOME TAX  
ALTERNATIVES

The search for alternatives to Income Tax which is now going on in correspondence columns and public discussion is primarily symptomatic of the widespread conviction that Government is not in a position to ensure equitable distribution of the tax. It is the dissatisfaction on that score which gives so much strength and conviction to the opposition, rather than the very real shock occasioned by the over-ambitious aims of Government's financial advisers.

Income tax has operated in all parts of the world with such success that its application to Hong Kong cannot easily, in principle, be challenged. Indirect taxation is, in most respects, a relatively painless method of extraction, and therefore more readily acceptable, but there can be no argument, given the right conditions, that Income Tax is more definitely calculated to place the burden of taxation where it is most comfortably borne. The high levels of salaries tax which have been recommended to Government seem outrageous to those whose budgets are in constant conflict with prices, and considerable modification must emerge from the consultations preceding the development of the final formula if there is not to be grave hardship and disquiet. Protest would however be less vehement even in respect of such levels if there were acceptable assurance of equitable distribution, of the inclusion within the scope of the tax of all who should properly come within the Commissioner's reach. Given those essential conditions, the gross revenue from this source, at such levels, would be so high that the taxpayer could confidently expect compensatory reliefs of taxation of other kinds. Very largely, his ground for grievance would be cut from beneath him. As it is, he sees an outlook no brighter than the threat of a tax that is punitive in its range and that is directed, by force of circumstances, against a very restricted section of this community, and that section by no means fitted to carry the burden, economic conditions in the Colony being what they are. It is too much to expect that Government will altogether abandon the Income Tax project, which is, in reality, a series of taxes similar to those devised under the pre-war War Taxation Ordinance, but there is a justifiable demand for more reasonable assessment scales than have been contemplated. Concession will result in a substantial reduction in the gross revenue to which Government can look from this source—that goes without saying—but the answer is to be found in delving for the difference in additional indirect taxation. Several suggestions have been made with this in view. Poll tax, lotteries and purchase tax are among them. To the first two, strong objections are bound to be forthcoming. The merit that might reside in successfully insisting that every individual resident in the Colony should be in possession of an identification paper is probably outweighed by the many other considerations involved, not least of them the creation of a sort of Gestapo atmosphere potential, not to mention merchandise for a new racket. The Purchase Tax would, we feel assured, be accepted, with resignation, if not generous approval, simply on the ground that it would ensure that the great mass of the population would thereby contribute their fair share, big or small, to the cost of stable government. The same end might be gained by an ad valorem import tax on all commodities, except food, a measure which would have the added advantage of simplifying the process of collection, as well as minimising possible com-

## Prohibition

## Gave Them Fame

UNKNOWN  
POLITICIANDYNAMIC  
GANGSTER

Last week in the United States two men lay dying half a continent apart. I wonder if one of the men, Andrew Volstead, knew that the other, whom he helped to create, Al Capone, was on his deathbed.

And I wonder if Scarface Capone was told of Andrew Volstead's death. The thoughts of the two men would doubtless have made interesting reading.

The Roaring Twenties in America was the prohibitionist victory over Demon Rum.

It was just after the Armistice and before three million disenchanted American soldiers could get home and vote. A morality hysteria gripped the country. In the war on vice and crime the White Rose of Temperance succeeded at last in squeezing the bulbous nose of booze.

The Anti-Saloon League wrote an Act. They looked around for a likely Congressman to sponsor it—and found Andrew Volstead, mild-mannered former schoolteacher turned lawyer and politician.

The Amendment to the Constitution had simply prohibited the sale of liquor. Volstead's Act gave precision to the Amendment by specifying penalties defining what was a

beer joint, which passed some \$15,000,000 in 1927 alone. He had a private army of over 700 killers and so on.

Andrew Volstead thus became the "Father of Prohibition," and had the most famous name in America for more than a decade. During this period his name appeared more times in print than any other.

Andrew Volstead's most important constructive legislation is forgotten. It was the Farmers Co-operative Act. Only his "bungie" brought him fame.

Just after announcement of the death of Mr. Volstead came the ghastly Al Capone was dying, had received the last rites of the Roman Church. Strange coincidence.

For Al Capone also made his name from the fact of his

Bodyguard.

In 1923 a Chicago beer king named Johnny Torrio sat playing cards with some of his lieutenants at his gambling

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## CAPONE

club Four Deuces. Machine-guns bullets suddenly sprayed the walls, chipped the desk and head entered Torrio's body. He survived, but took the gentle hint, retired from business, and returned to his native Italy.

Four years previously he had

hired a bodyguard named Alphonse Capone. In 1923 his bodyguard became the boss.

It had come to Chicago as the graduate of a very select school of crime in New York City, the Five Points Gang. His teachers included people like Little Louie

and Gyp the Blood.

But he brought to Chicago a genius of his own. He was a smart business man. His interlocking webs of crime—beer, booze, and brothels—were sedulously modelled on the directorates of the great corporations.

In organising and co-ordinating his multiple rackets, Capone copied the tactics of "legitimate" business barons like Insull and other monopolists—by pitting subordinates against each other and killing off would-be competitors.

Like other Chicago business men, Scarface Capone knew the value of political affiliations. He paid more than \$500,000 per year to politicians and officials.

He was completely non-partisan. He supported the reform government of Mayor Dever and was equally helpful to Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson, the most corrupt mayor Chicago has ever had.

Scarface didn't merely buy the government—he was the government.

He had an empire of 10,000 beer joints, which grossed some \$15,000,000 in 1927 alone. He had a private army of over 700 killers to do his bidding.

## 500 Dead

Not everyone was satisfied to see Capone rule. A West Side Gang, led by the notorious Dion O'Banion, one day decided Capone's time had come.

In broad daylight, with a procession of six big black automobiles, the O'Banions crowded machine-run Haworth Hotel, where Scarface was dining. Capone escaped by lying flat on the floor with his head in brass spittoon.

When he rose from the floor he decided O'Banion and his gang had overstepped the boundaries of propriety.

On February 14, 1927, St. Valentine's Day, in a North Clark-street garage, seven members of the O'Banions gang were waiting when a big black police

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## DEFENCE WHITE PAPER Armed Forces Now At Minimum

### Colonel On Bribe Charges

Cairo, Feb. 14. Charges of receiving bribes totalling £7,000 from Egyptian war contractors as a reward for giving contracts, were preferred at a court martial here against Lieutenant Colonel James Sinclair-Dawson.

He pleaded not guilty.

The first charge alleged that between Sept. 1, 1945 and Aug. 7, 1946 when he was assistant director of the Hirings and Disposals Branch of General Headquarters Middle East Land Forces, he cajoled with Colonel Leslie and Major White of the Royal Ulster Rifles and other persons, to accept money from persons seeking Crown contracts.

Other charges accused him of receiving bribes including three sums of £1,000. The court adjourned until today.—Reuter.

### DEATH SENTENCE CONFIRMED

Jerusalem, Feb. 14. General Sir Evelyn Barker, retiring General Officer Commanding Palestine, confirmed the death sentences passed by a military court on Monday on three Jewish terrorists found guilty of carrying arms on the night when Major Paddy Brett and the British staff sergeants were flogged.

Sir Evelyn leaves for Britain this week on relinquishing his Palestine command.—Reuter.

### Safeguard Against Attack

London, Feb. 14. Declaring that the supreme object of British policy must be to prevent war, a White Paper on defence, issued by the Government today, states: "The role of our forces, therefore, must be to deter aggression, while at the same time safeguarding British interests against attack." Outlining the place of defence in national policy in peacetime against this background, the White Paper says that to maintain the British armed forces at the minimum number necessary, a major demand must continue to be made on the manpower of the United Kingdom, both for their uniform personnel and also for those engaged on the production of service arms and equipment.

He pleaded not guilty.

The number of men and women estimated as serving in the forces on March 31, 1946, totals 1,087,000, as compared with the figure of 1,427,000 on Dec. 31, 1946, the document continues.

As regards manpower for service production, research and development, the British Government a year ago set a target of 500,000 to be reached by Dec. 31, 1946. This figure was actually reached in October, 1946. The Board of December the number employed on production, etc., for the services had fallen to 459,000.

The White Paper says that it has been possible to reduce the British forces in Germany to some extent, but the necessity for the retention of adequate strength, both from the point of view of internal security and to support the policy of the Control Council in Berlin remains undiminished.

**Army In Greece**

"It is necessary to retain forces in Austria until a peace treaty has been ratified and agreement reached for the withdrawal of the Allied forces," the document adds.

Referring to Italy, it says that when the Italian peace treaty has been ratified by all the powers concerned, it will be possible to withdraw the British forces from Venezia Giulia, with the exception of the British contingent of the small international force which, in accordance with the draft treaty, will remain in Trieste free territory, at the disposal of the governor until the new regime is fully established.

"We have been able to reduce the size of our forces in Greece, and the remainder will, it is hoped, stay for a limited period only," the White Paper adds.

"In Palestine, the preservation of law and order and the control of illegal immigration requires the presence of substantial forces if all three services," the report continues.

**H.K. Garrison**

"Adequate forces of all three services will be required in the Mediterranean and the Middle East to safeguard our communications. We must also continue to supply small garrisons for the British Colonies."

On the question of British forces in India, Burma and the Far East, the White Paper states that British forces are required in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf, and some forces are also being retained for the present in India and Burma.

"We must maintain forces in the Far East to provide garrisons for British territory, including Hong Kong and Malaya, and to assist in maintaining security."

"It is the intention of His Majesty's Government," the White Paper continues, "to play their part in the occupation of Japan, although some reduction in the size of our contingent is being made."

Our tasks in the Netherlands East Indies have been completed, and our forces withdrawn.

Small British forces will be required to provide support for the local forces in the West Indies.

**The Minimum**

The White Paper shows expenditure cuts on the Army, Navy and Air Force and Supply Services amounting to nearly half compared to last year—from £1,067,000,000 to £899,000,000 for 1947-48.

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, has estimated that another 500,000 workmen are needed to enable the nation to achieve its production target in export industries. Industries producing for home consumption also needed another

### NO GENERAL DEMOB

London, Feb. 14.

The Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in answer to Mr. Charles Smith, Labour, who asked whether he was not able to announce the date for general demobilisation, replied in the negative, and said that demobilisation was a continuing process under the age and service scheme.

"The term 'general demobilisation' has no statutory significance," said Mr. Alexander.—Reuter.

### Doctor Never Took The Oath

Nuremberg, Feb. 14.

Dr. Hans Wolfram Romburg, one of the German doctors on trial here accused of inhuman medical experiments on live human beings, told the Court today that he never took the Hippocrates oath because it was "not the usual thing."

The oath of Hippocrates is the basis of medical ethics.

Romburg testified earlier that only condemned prisoners were used for experiments. He admitted that prisoners long sentences were also used.

He said about nine deaths

resulted during experiments in Dachau. He added that he personally witnessed three of the fatal experiments.—United Press.

### Palestine Problem To Go Before U.N.O.

London, Feb. 14.

The British Government has decided to refer the whole problem of Palestine to the United Nations as no proposals put forward by Britain had proved acceptable as a basis for further discussion by the Jews and Arabs, according to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking to the Arab delegates at the final session of the Palestine conference.

The leader of each of the Arab delegations again emphasised that no proposal which involved any form of partition or Jewish immigration would be acceptable as basis for solution of the problem.

Palestine is a thorn in Britain's side ever since General Allenby drove the Turks out of Jerusalem in 1917—probably will continue to be policed by 100,000 British troops and governed by the present administration until the United Nations decides what to do.

But Britain is in such haste to settle the problem that a Foreign Office spokesman indicated she may ask the UNO Security Council to call a special meeting of the General Assembly to consider the situation.

Under ordinary procedure the Assembly would not meet until September.

There was no definite indication that Britain—which has set up plans for the independence of India and Burma and initiated military withdrawal from Egypt—would propose her permanent withdrawal from Palestine too.

Whether she will recommend a specific plan for Palestine to the United Nations, or merely turn over all suggested plans without recommendation, may be announced in the House of Commons on Monday.—Reuter and Associated Press.

He said that no assistance to Greece in the maintenance of her independence and territorial integrity could prove of benefit unless the Greek people were prepared to work together for their own salvation.

"Law-abiding citizens can offer little help to their country as long as they are intimidated by armed extremists of whatever political complexion," he added.—Reuter.



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# BRITAIN TURNS CORNER On The Road Back To Production Experts Discuss Switch-On

London, Feb. 14. Britain's all-out effort to rebuild stocks of coal at power stations is showing the first definite results, the Ministry of Fuel and Power announced this afternoon.

"Though the position is very serious and coal stocks remain far below the safety level," the Ministry stated, "there was all-round evidence yesterday and this morning that a little more had been gained."

The coal saved in the half of the country where the electricity switch-off has operated since Monday reached more than 30,000 tons yesterday—43 per cent of normal consumption and the best figure yet recorded.

The total saving in all areas since Monday was 112,000 tons, the Ministry said.

Today Ministers and experts of Prime Minister Attlee's special coal commission discussed the date for the great switch-on of electricity when the wheels of industry will begin to turn again.

Nothing can be definitely settled until the weather finally improves and although London temperatures rose above freezing point today for the first time since Monday, the Air Ministry warned that the frost would return. But observers were cheered that the commission turned its thoughts today to the end of the crisis.

**Corner Turned**

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Hundreds of men using bulldozers cleared the roads of drifts sometimes 15 feet deep and all today tractors, bread-vans and grinders' vans have been pouring food in for eleven villages—practically the first supplies they have had in two weeks.

A special train was also chartered to rush food in and as soon as news came that road and rail communications were open the Royal Air Force cancelled its plans to parachute supplies.

**Europe In Chaos**

Meanwhile from every other European centre came reports of chaotic transport and fuel sup-

## EURYALUS AT POMPEY

London, Feb. 14. After more than two years service with the British Pacific Fleet, the 5,450 tons cruiser HMS Euryalus will arrive at Portsmouth from the Far East tomorrow.

In addition to her crew she has on board nearly 100 Service passengers who will be disembarked on arrival.—Reuter.

**Attlee Declines With Thanks**

London, Feb. 14.

Mr. Clement Attlee today sent a message to President Truman thanking him for his offer yesterday to divert to Britain colliers carrying 250,

000 tons of coal to Europe.

"My colleagues and I have learned with warm appreciation of your offer to do all in your power to help in relieving our coal shortage, and in particular to support measures for diverting to this country United States coal now en route to Europe," Mr. Attlee said.

"I need not say how grateful we are for your readiness to assist in the difficult times through which we are passing.

"But the need for coal in Europe is no less pressing and we could not ask that cargoes should be diverted from Europe to the United Kingdom," the Prime Minister added.—Reuter.

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The Austin Motor Company, which closed its works a week before the current cuts owing to lack of coal, today announced that they were dismissing their 14,800 production employees.

The company has already paid more than £100,000 in wages to men who have been unable to do any work.

The sailings of colliers from Northeast ports, where hundreds of thousands of tons of coal have been held up through fog and gales, were back to normal today.—Associated Press.

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**Europe In Chaos**

London, Feb. 15. A prison warden was kidnapped and four persons were killed in a guerrilla attack on the Sparta prison last night, the Greek Ministry of Public Order announced tonight.

The number of prisoners who were freed and escaped to the hills was 233, the Ministry stated.

Guerillas encircled the town after dark and opened fire on the prison buildings with anti-tank mortars and machineguns, the Ministry said.—Reuter.

**Prisoners Set Free**

Athens, Feb. 14.

Captain Tuan Muda of Sarawak until his return to the Crown, has received a cable from the President of the Malay National Union of Sarawak begging him to "come to Sarawak with the utmost speed."

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**Trouble In Yugoslavia?**

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Yugoslavia today alleged before the United Nations Balkans Commission that the presence of British troops and the existence of the anti-democratic Government in Greece facilitates the entry of "bandits" from other Balkan countries, who conspired against popular Democratic Governments of those lands.

The Greek News Agency says that the statement was made by M. Krium Kruj before the commission which is inquiring into the Greek allegations of foreign aid to guerrillas in northern Greece.—Reuter.

**Greek Guerrillas**

Athens, Feb. 14.

Eighty-six soldiers and 200 German civilians were seized today in a raid by 900 American troops and German police on Munich's major trouble zone where AWOL soldiers and black market operators were sought. Many German girls with the soldiers were taken.

Associated Press.

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AMBER ST. CLARE, illegitimate daughter of noble blood, who is brought up in a small village by foster-parents. She grows into a ravishing beauty and in the village one day in the year 1660 she meets

BRUCE, LORD CARLTON, a cavalier, with whom she falls in love. Travelling with Lord Carlton is the

EARL OF ALMSBURY, who, seeing Amber's obvious infatuation for Bruce, slyly introduces them at the local inn. Amber persuades Carlton to take her to London with him. Eventually Carlton leaves for the Indies to repair the family fortunes lost in the Civil War. Amber is desolate. She finds herself with child and marries a man who eventually disappears with all the money Carlton had left her.

All alone, Amber gets into debt and is thrown into Newgate Gaol, where she suffers every degradation. In order to ease her lot she gives herself to a notorious highwayman, who plans their escape. The highwayman is eventually hanged. Amber then goes on the stage because she learns that actresses cannot be arrested.

She meets Captain Rex Morgan, a gallant from the Court. While Amber is his mistress, she is summoned by the King, and lies with him.

Then Bruce Carlton returns. He and Amber go to see their son, who is being cured by a foster-mother. Rex Morgan hears of her love affair with Carlton and challenges him to a duel. Rex is killed. Bruce comes again sailing away.

Amber, thinking she is again with child, goes to Tunbridge Wells to take the waters. On the way she meets

SAMUEL DANGERFIELD, a 60-year-old, wealthy City merchant, and a widower. She marries him for his money, and she is soon a widow with £6,000.

Amber has a daughter, Susanna, by Bruce, and moves to an apartment in St. Martin's Lane. Bruce returns from sea and catches the plague. Amber nurses him with fanatical devotion. She then catches the plague and Bruce helps to nurse her.

When both are well they go to Barber's Hill, Almsbury's country seat at Gloucester. They spend their days with their son and daughter, but soon Bruce steals away to see his ships. Amber is inconsolable.

Almsbury introduces her to the Earl of Radcliffe, who is very poor. Almsbury suggests the Earl wants to marry Amber for her money.

The Earl of Radcliffe's first gift to Amber was a beautifully carved ebony statue. Then came a gilded Florentine mirror. "He must intend marrying me," Amber told Almsbury. "No man makes such valuable presents unless he expects to get 'em back again."

Almsbury laughed. "I think you're right. And if he does make you a proposal—what about you? Will you accept?"

Amber gave a sigh and shrank. "I don't know. It's no use being rich unless you've got a title too." She made a face. "But I hate that stinkin' old buck-stitch."

"Then marry a young man."

She gave him a glance of indignation. "Why, I'd rather be buried alive than marry one of your hectoring Frenchified Covent Garden fops! I know well enough what that means."

They get you with child and send you off to the country to breed—while they stay in London to play the town-bull and spend all your portion on actresses and "Change women."

No, thanks, not for me. I've seen enough of that to learn my lesson. If I've got to marry someone to get a title I'd rather marry an old man I hate than a young one I hate. At least there's a sooner prospect of freedom that way."

## "Don't Marry"

The Earl burst into hearty laughter. Amber looked at him in surprise and some annoyance. "Well, my lord? What makes you so hysterical, pray?"

"You do, sweetheart. I swear no one would ever guess to hear you talk that six years ago you were a simple country-wench and so virtuous you slapped my face for making you an honest offer—or my affections. I wonder what's happened to her—that innocent, pretty girl I saw on the Mary-ann common?" His voice and eyes turned a little wistful at this last.

Amber was petulant; why shouldn't he be satisfied with the way she was now? She liked to think of Almsbury as one man who accepted her exactly as she was, liked her and approved of everything she said and did. "I don't know," she said crossly. "She's gone now—if she ever existed at all. She couldn't last long in London."

He gave her hand a quick, friendly grasp. "No, darling, she couldn't. But, seriously, I think it would be a mistake for you to marry Radcliffe."

"Why? You suggested it yourself to begin with."

"I know. But I only wanted to make you think about something besides Bruce. In the first place, he's deep in debt. It might take half your inheritance to get him out."

"Oh, I've got that all planned. I'll have the contract drawn to let me retain management of my own funds."

## Her Ambition

Almsbury shook his head. "That'll never do. He wouldn't marry you with any such arrangement as that—any more than you'd marry him if he was to retain sole use of his

title. No, if you marry Radcliffe you've got to sign over your money to him. But do you think you could tolerate living in the same house with him—not to mention sleeping in the same bed?"

"Oh, as for that! In London I won't know he's about. I'll spend all my days at Court—and may be some of my nights too." Her mouth turned up significantly at one corner; she had never completely abandoned her earlier ambition of being His Majesty's mistress—and whenever Bruce Carlton was gone the prospect glittered.

To be mistress of the King, a great lady, feared and envied and admired. To be stared and pointed at in the streets, watched in the galleries of the palace, bowed and truckled to in the drawing-rooms. To be begged for favours, fawned upon for a smile—to hold the power of success or failure over dozens, even hundreds, of men and women.

"Eighteen thousand pounds!"

She cried angrily. "My portion won't last long at this rate!"

"I beg your pardon, madame, but I believe that I am as well aware as you of the evanescent quality of money, and I have no more wish to dissipate your inheritance than you have to see me do so. This £18,000 is to pay my debts, which, as I told you, have been accumulating for 25 years."

He spoke with the air of one

who makes a reasonable ex-

planation of a difficult problem to a child who is not very clever;

and Amber gave him a furious glare. For a moment longer she hesitated, her mind stabbing here and there for a way out. But at last she snatched away the pen, thrust it into the ink-well and with a few swift strokes scrawled her name across the sheet, smacking specks of ink fly as she did so. Then she threw down the pen, left him and walked to the window, where she stood staring down into the alley below—secretly seeing two women fish-vendors who were bellowing curses and slapping at each other with huge flounders.

In a few moments she heard

the door close behind him. Suddenly she whirled, grabbed up a small Chinese vase and threw it violently across the room. "Lightning blast him!" she cried. "Stinking old devil!"

Nan rushed forward as though

she would rescue the pieces.

"Oh, Lord, mam! Your Ladyship!" she corrected. "He'll be stark, starin' mad when he finds what you've done! He was mighty fond of that vase!"

"Yes! Well, I was mighty fond of that £18,000 too! The varlet!

I wish it had been his head!

Lord, what a miserable wretch is a husband!"

On the 1st of February Charles returned to Whitehall. There were deep snows on the ground, the church bells pealed out merrily, and at night great bonfires lighted the black winter sky, welcoming the King home. Her City gates were wide open for her. Was this what she had traded her £6,000 for? It seemed a bad bargain, dullness and a man she despised.

For now that she was his wife Radcliffe was a greater enigma than ever.

She saw him but little, for he had a multitude of interests which he did not wish to share with her nor she with him. Several hours of almost every day he spent in the laboratory which opened out of their bedroom, and for which new equipment was constantly arriving.

When he was not there he was in the library or in the offices on the lower floor, reading, writing, going over his bills, and making plans for the remodelling and furnishing of the house. Though this was to be done, obviously, at Amber's expense, he never consulted her in the matter or even told her what plans he had made.

Time Drags

FURTHERMORE, he had been

too long away from Court. A new generation was setting the pace, and it was not the pace at which his own had moved. There was a new way of living which he considered to be shallow, frivolous, lacking in grace or purpose. Most of the men he judged either knaves or fools or both, and the women he thought a pack of empty-headed sluts. He included his wife in this category.

To Amber it seemed that time

passed more slowly than ever before. She spent hours with Susanna, helping her learn to walk, building block castles and playing with her, singing her the ditties of nursery rhymes she remembered from her childhood.

She adored her—but she could not build a whole life around her. She longed for that great exciting world to which she had bought and paid her admission, and which she might now enter proudly by the front door, not sneak into like a culprit through some back passageway.

It was

as though

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As Enemies

They met, usually, just twice a day—at dinner, and in bed. Conversation at dinner was polite and cordial, carried on chiefly for the benefit of the servants, but in bed they did not talk at all. The Earl could not, in any real sense, make love to her, for he was impotent and apparently had been for some time. More than that, he disliked her, frankly and contemptuously—even while she roused in him conflicting emotions of desire and some wild yearning toward the past which he could never explain. Yet he longed violently for complete physical possession—a longing at which he caught

She was glad that Radcliffe was not interested in the gay life at the Palace, for that would leave her all the more free to enjoy it herself.

## Amber Lonely

Amber wanted nothing so much as to get away from him. She felt as though he was casting some evil spell over her, for though she did not actually see him often, he seemed to hang forever at her shoulder, to lurk in her mind—sombre and dread-ed.

Once, out of boredom, she ventured into his laboratory. She tried the door, found it open, and went in quietly so as not to disturb him. Great stacks of books and manuscripts, recently sent down from Lime Park, his country home, were piled on the floor.

There were several sculls, hundreds of jars and bottles, oil-lamps, pottery vessels of every shape and size—all the paraphernalia of alchemy. He was, evidently, she knew, in the "Great Work"—a tedious, complicated process of seven years which had as its goal the discovery of the Philosopher's Stone—a search that was occupying some of the best minds of the age.

As she entered he stood before a table, his back to her, carefully measuring a yellow powder. She said nothing, but walked toward him, her eyes going curiously over the loaded shelves and tables. All at once he gave a start, and the bottle dropped from his hands.

"Well, where are they? The plays?" "On this shelf, madame. Take whatever you want."

## Rare Books

She picked out three or four at random, hastily, for she was anxious to get away from him. "Thank you, sir," she said without looking at him, and started out. Just as she reached the door she heard his voice again.

"I have some very rare Italian books in which I believe you would be interested."

"I don't read Italian." She did not glance around.

"These may be appreciated without a knowledge of the language. They make use of the universal language of pictures."

She at once understood what he meant and paused, caught by her own strong interest in whatever was sensational or prurient.

With a smile which clearly betrayed his cynical amusement at her curiosity, he turned and took down from a shelf a hand-tooled leather-bound volume, laid it on the table, and stood waiting.

After alchemy his greatest interest was his library, where he spent many hours of each day. For most of his life he had been collecting rare books and manuscripts, which he kept all in precise order, listing each one carefully and with a full account of everything that pertained to it. But his interest in books was more than mere pleasure in possession, in the look and feel of fine leather and old paper. He read them as well.

There were Greek plays; Cicero's Letters and the Meditations of Marcus Aurelius; Plutarch and Daniel; Spanish plays; French philosophers and scientists—all in their original languages.

He did not forbid Amber to enter the library, where he had been married for several weeks that she went into it. She had now become so desperate for entertainment that she was finally willing to read a book.

But she had not realised that he was there, and when she saw him, sitting beside the fireplace with a pen in his hand and a great volume lying open on the writing table, she hesitated for a moment, then started out again. He glanced up, saw her, and to her surprise got politely to his feet, smiling.

"Pray come in, madame. I see no reason why a woman may not enter a library—even though she isn't likely to find much in it to her taste. Or are you that freak of man and nature—a learned female?"

His mouth, as he spoke the last sentence, turned ironically down, in common with most men—no matter what their own intellectual interests and acquirements might be—he considered education for women absurd and even amusing. Amber ignored the jibe; it was not a subject on which she could be easily offended.

"I thought I might find something to pass the time with. Have you got any plays written in English?"

"Several. What do you prefer—Ben Jonson, Marlowe, Beaumont and Fletcher, Shakespeare?"

"I don't matter. I've acted 'em all." She knew that he did not like any reference to her acting, and mentioned it frequently to annoy him. So far he had refused the bait.

But now he looked at her with obvious displeasure. "Madame, I had hoped your own sense of shame would prevent you from making any further references to so unfortunate an episode in your life. Pray let me hear no more about it!"

"Why not? I'm not ashamed of it!"

"I am." "It didn't keep you from marrying me!"

From across the dozen or so feet that separated them they

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## WARNING TO FRANCE: NEED FOR DISCIPLINE

Paris, Feb. 14.

While thousands of French civil servants demonstrated today for more wages and France faced grave unrest, Socialist Premier Paul Ramadier told the National Assembly "If France cannot submit herself to national discipline, the country, and even the Republican regime will be placed in great danger." The Cabinet at its meeting earlier was understood to have maintained apparent unity between parties in the face of a threatened cataract of strikes as a result of rising discontent over the cost of living and food shortages.

The present situation is placing a great strain on unity within the Cabinet. The Communists are committed to support organised labour's demand for "a basic minimum wage" and for other adjustments which involve higher wages bills. There is also believed to be a split in the Cabinet on the proposed Anglo-French alliance. The present economic crisis

may well precipitate a Cabinet crisis in the near future.

### Less Sense Of Responsibility

The Premier told the Assembly that the danger to currency and the general economy of the country was as great as at the beginning of January when his predecessor, M. Leon Blum, launched his anti-inflation policy.

Since that date the "national sense of responsibility seems to have diminished," he added.

The Premier announced that the Government would fight increased prices and speculation with "all the means at its disposal" and would pursue M. Blum's policy. General in the Government is the feeling that despite the Premier's appeal for national discipline the discontent might lead to nation-wide paralysing strikes.

Some quarters even expressed fears of civil strife unless the Government could hold prices and lessen the unrest among organised labour.

There was an atmosphere in Paris streets today reminiscent of the fervour which preceded the election of the "Popular Front" Government in 1936.

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## Hollywood Wants G.B.S.

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## Newsmen Dine With The King

On the battleship Vanguard, Feb. 14.

King George and Queen Elizabeth, both wearing boiler suits, toured the engine and boiler rooms of the Vanguard today—nineti metres below the surface of the ocean at a temperature of 36 degrees Centigrade.

They had to pass through the air-lock which maintains the necessary high pressure.

Asked by Engineer Officers whether she could manage climbing, the Queen replied: "I will try." She then climbed nimbly the narrow perpendicular ladders.

Using dark glasses, the Queen watched the blazing fuel oil through the open furnace doors while the King discussed engines and boilers with an Engineer Officer.

A press party of two correspondents and one radio commentator and a film photographer and press photographer dined with the King, Queen and Princesses in the Royal apartments.—Reuter.

### EXECUTED

Landsberg, Feb. 14. Two American firing squads today executed five displaced persons—the first death sentences carried out by shooting in Germany since the end of the war.

The executed men were three Poles and two Greeks, who had been convicted by Military Government courts of armed robbery and murder.—United Press.

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## EXPLOSIONS IN MADRID

Madrid, Feb. 14. Two bomb explosions occurred in Madrid tonight. A small bomb exploded outside the door of the criminal investigation department of police headquarters and the second in a flat used by a foreign diplomat within 100 metres of the British Embassy.

No casualties were reported in either incident, but structural damage was caused.—Reuter.

## Soviet Objects To China

London, Feb. 14. The Soviet Union today insisted that China be excluded from the list-of-host powers for the proposed German peace conference.

The Soviet deputy, M. Feodor Gusev, argued before the Council of Foreign Ministers' deputies that only powers "signatory to the German surrender instrument"—the Big Four—should be considered host powers.

China, in a note to the Foreign Ministers' Council, demanded that she be considered a sponsoring power in the event of a German peace conference, by virtue of her membership on the Council.

M. Gusev remained adamant, despite opposition from France, Britain and the United States.

France also upset the harmony of the session by her refusal to consider the proposal that the German Government be given an opportunity to express its views on the peace treaty.

The American deputy, Mr. Robert Murphy, who suggested that the German peace be imposed by international statute rather than by a treaty which the German Government would be obliged to sign, took no part in the discussions.—United Press.

## Police Boats Sunk By Haganah Frogmen

Jerusalem, Feb. 14. The Haganah, most moderate of the three Jewish underground groups, announced today in a radio broadcast that it was responsible for blowing up of two police launches in Haifa harbour yesterday.

The Haganah, which had been inactive for months, said: "Our frogmen, at great risk of their lives, completed the operation successfully...."

"We have not gone out of business, we shall not see our brethren turned away from the gates of the promised land by the dictates of the White Paper and remain quiet, we struck at the very launches which turned away the 'Negev' (Jewish illegal immigrant ship) and other floating slums of the helpless refugees."

Meanwhile, counsel for the three Irgun members sentenced to death subject to the British G.O.C.'s confirmation met them today in a Jerusalem prison. It was reported the condemned men told their lawyers they would under no circumstances sign a reprieve.

Officials speculated this might be the last Sabbath before imposition of martial law, especially since Irgun had threatened a "blood bath" in retaliation if the three men were sentenced.—United Press.

London, Feb. 15. William Raddon Halman, 5ft. 1 1/2in., hired the village hall at Sunninghill, Berks, to celebrate his golden wedding and advise his family to have more children.

William, 77, and his wife, Gertrude, 72, have twelve children, fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

All were at the reunion except one son, who is with the RAF in Hong Kong.

Holding a great-grandchild, Mr. Halman told his family: "I want to see more of these."

He had to send cables, telegrams, telephone messages and letters to the Far East, Germany, Maidenhead, Tonbridge, Canterbury, Oxford and all over London to call the party together.

## Son In Hong Kong, Couldn't Be There

London, Feb. 14. Seven men appeared at Old Street, London, today accused of conspiracy to contravene the Defence Regulations by giving assistance to escaped prisoners of war.

When the case began only six men were present and after hearing lasting a few minutes, the case was adjourned for ten days.

Afterwards a seventh man was brought into court on a similar charge and was also remanded.—Reuter.

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 22nd February 1947.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. Through numbers (8 Races—\$16) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$200) on the fast race.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

### NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all costs, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers' Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable in advance from the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 2818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,<br

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Vessel	Date	From
S.S. "Cebu"	In Port	Manila & Cebu
M.V. "Benares"	20th Mar.	Los Angeles & San Francisco
M.V. "Dona Nati"	7th (Apr.)	New York
M.V. "Halland"	21st Apr.	New York & Newport News
M.V. "Travancore"	26th Apr.	San Francisco

**DEPARTURES**

Vessel	Date	For
S.S. "Cebu"	17th Feb.	Manila & Cebu
M.V. "Dona Nati"	13th Apr.	Pacific & Atlantic Coasts

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"FENGTIEN" . . . . .	Shanghai 4 p.m.	17th Feb.
"HANYANG" . . . . .	Shanghai 4 p.m.	18th Feb.
"NEWCHWANG" . . . . .	Singapore & Penang 4 p.m.	20th Feb.
"SHENGKING" . . . . .	Shanghai 4 p.m.	21st Feb.

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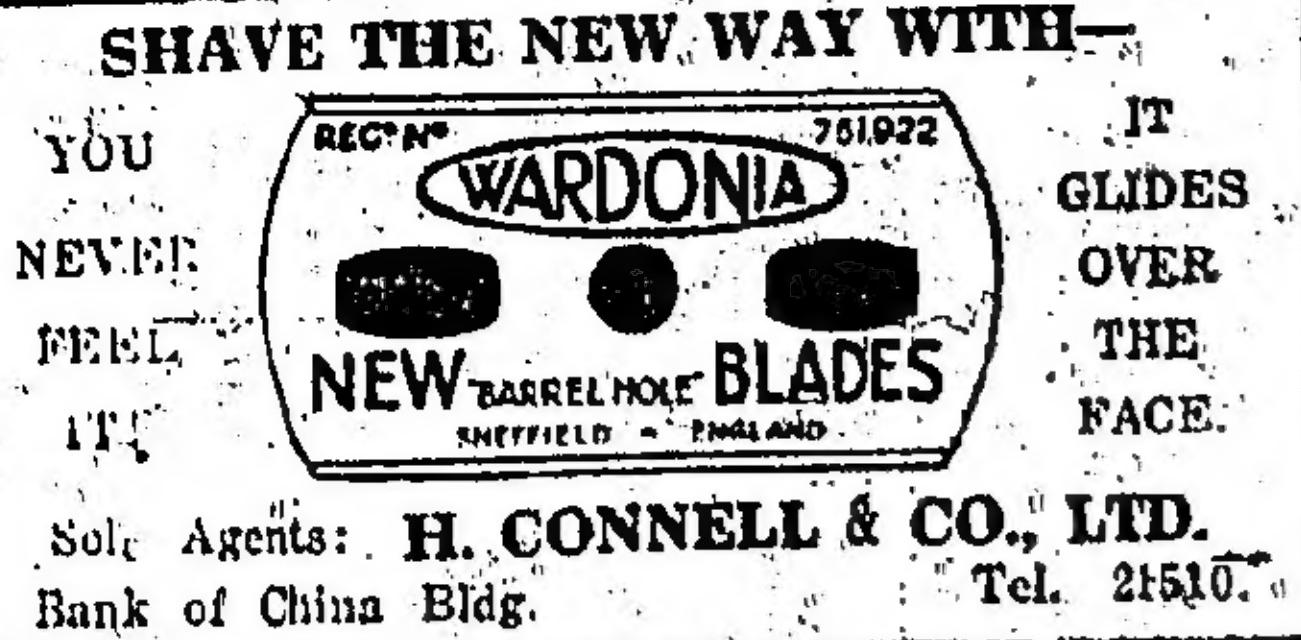
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# M.C.C. In A Very Good Position

Melbourne, Feb. 15.  
The M.C.C. were in a splendid position at the end of the second day's play here in their return match against Victoria, when the strong state side lost six wickets in making only 171 runs in reply to the tourists' first-innings of 355.

The day was a personal triumph for Godfrey Evans, whose brilliant wicket-keeping accounted for the first four Victoria wickets and whose aggressive batting of 41 not out—his highest for a first class match of the present tour—materially helped to swell the M.C.C. total.

Evans also scored his highest tally of the tour—71. After England's last five wickets fell today for an additional 89, Victoria lost their three top batsmen for 32. Only a fourth wicket stand of 120 between Lindsay, Hassett and 18-year-old Neil Harvey saved Victoria from being in an extremely precarious position.

At the close, Hassett was still undefeated, having batted 234 hours for 63.

Scores:

**M.C.C.**  
**First Innings**

Washbrook, b. Tribe	22
Fishlock, c. Hassett, b. Free	51
Gibb, c. Johnson, b. Miller	17
Compton, c. and b. Miller	93
Hardstaff, c. Tribe, b. Free	1
Evans, b. Tribe	71
Yardley, b. Miller	18
Evans, not out	41
Bedser, c. Harvey, b. Tribe	11
Pollard, lbw, b. Miller	0
Wright, c. Hassett, b. Ring	0
Extras	13
Total	355
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-24, 3-32, 4-152, 5-160, 6-100.	

**BOWLING ANALYSIS**

O. M. R. W.	
Miller	25 6 63-
Free	23 2 77-
Linton	5 1 15
Tribe	30 1 142 3
Ring	14 2 45
Extras	
Total	171

Hours for 63.

Score:

**DRC Defeat Royal Navy**

Dockyard Recreation Club beat Royal Navy by 57 runs in a friendly cricket game at King's Park yesterday.

**Dockyard**

White, run out	16
Trueman, c Cole, b Dowis	5
Collins, lbw, b Abel	3
Stevens, b Abel	0
Traut, c Leach, b Foster	4
Ford, c Roberts, b Abel	12
Matthews, not out	0
Horswell, run out	1
Turner, c Salt, b Abel	0
Evans, b Abel	0
Tickells, c Foster, b Abel	0
Foster, not out	2
Medill, lbw, b Matthews	0
Extras	2
Total	97

Hours for 86.

Score:

**VICTORIA**

**First Innings**

J. Harvey, c Evans, b Bedser	10
Meuleman, stumped Evans, b	14
Miller, stumpings Evans, b	6
Bedser	0
Hassett, not out	61
N. Harvey, c Evans, b Wright	60
Linton, c. Washbrook, b.	0
Wright, b. Wright	2
Freer, not out	0
Extras	1
Total (for six wickets)	171

Bowling: Matthews 6 for 15;

Stevens 3 for 25.

## Home Football Results

London, Feb. 16.  
The following were the football results of matches played today.

**First Division**

Blackburn	1	Derby	1
Blackpool	4	Preston	0
Everton	4	Sunderland	2
Middlesbrough	3	Bolton	1
Portsmouth	3	Aston	0

(postponed)

**Second Division**

C.A.S.C. v. C.R.C.	0
King's Park—16.30 p.m.	
Sing Tao v. Eastern	0
Club—4 p.m.	
South China Police	
Causeway Bay—2.30 p.m.	
Wireless Centre, v. 337 Cor. R.A.S.C.	
(Happy Valley)—2.30 p.m.	

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